

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**  
*U.S. Application No. 10/524,860*

***Q86151***

**REMARKS**

Applicants amend the claims to recite all corresponding SEQ ID NOS.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group III for examination, consisting of claims 37-48 and claim 50, in part.

This further responds to the Election of Species Requirement. In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects the primers recited in claim 44.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to all non-elected claims.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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